ON LIFE IN ENGLAND

The British Farm Laborer Lives Well on Low Wages-Why, Is Not Generally Known In America.

A jount through Bedfordshire and a day at Warwick castle and Stratford-on-Avon completed my English holiday. The unsensonable cold of early July and the heavy rain later had given place to the true English summer, just warm enough to ride with comfort, just cool enough to walk without getting heated, and with a gentle breeze laden with the odor of woods and fields at their sweetest. Once more the farmers rejoiced, for, in spite of a wet June, only a small part of the bay was lost, and the first week in August all the wheat fields began to take on a yellow tinge, and the heads began to bow before the breeze in a way that indicated a wealth of golden grain.



Carlo Maria

AN ENGLISH RUBAL COTTAGE. At this point I may fitly digress from the description of classic scenes and say a little about the English farm laborer, for am confident that the actual facts about him are not known in America. I know my impression was that the cottagers were, as a rule, hopelessly cast down and despondent, that their wages barely kept soul and body together, that their children were brutalized and that their women tolled in the field from sun to sun till all trace of feminine sweetness was lost, and their homes degenerated to mere sleep-ing pens. How very different is the reality. Their furniture is indeed plain and their food not dainty, while their outer rooms have tiled floors, but there are few regions indeed where rural life is more idyllic and cottages are more homelike than the districts of Bedfordshire, Buck-ingharushire, Berkshire and Warwickshire,

which I have traversed.

One thing puzzled me very much at first -how do these people live so well on wages which certainly do not average more than two-thirds the average rate paid in Australia, Canada and the United States? I studied the matter carefully, and am satisfied that the real reasons have never been published in the United States—at any rate not in my time—because all who have written on the subject were swayed this way or that by political, religious or na-tional bias. The English cottager has many advantages to offset his low wages, and among the greatest of these I place the English climate. It is so easy to keep cool and clean and sweet that the cottage wife really does her work with far less fatigue than her American sister, and the cottage girl retains her youth and vivacity to a

surprising age.
In three-fourths of England hardy peo-ple wear similar clothes all the year, only changing flannels, and so dress well on less than half what the American farmer pays. In fuel I should say the cottager uses and really needs certainly but a third as much as the American, and possibly but a fifth. For weeks or even months gether, in what is called cold weather, there is need of a fire in the living room only of evenings, and for perhaps an hour in the morning. There is a corresponding advantage in midsammer, though not so great. In the south coast countles it is rare indeed that the mercury rises above Who ica I have seen ice four feet thick and the mercury 72 degs, below the freezing point, and the cost of one good overcoat in Da-

kota would clothe a cottager's family in Devonshire for a year.

There is another enormous advantage, All kinds of meats in summer and vege-tables in winter can be kept with far less trouble than in America. Ice as a sum-mer luxury is practically unknown outside of the cities, and even in a London hotel an American who calls for ice water is looked upon with a sort of good natured is looked upon with a sort of good natured pity. Ice to keep beer cool is a different thing; they appreciate that and consider it a great American invention. The peo-ple generally do not really care for cold drinks, as an American measures coldness. There is nothing in the climate to create such a liking, and a dash of water just from the well over the bottles makes the beer cool enough for the ruranst. Neither do they care for hot meats, and in nineteen cottages out of twenty tea is the only hot drink ever seen. A ham or ten pound "hunk" of beef is roasted whole, and cold slices cut for each meal till it is gone. Hot bread I did not see on an Engilsh table in city or country. A week's supply may be baked at one time, and the climate keeps the loaves so moist that the last slices seem to me just as good as the larst. All these may seem small things. but the American woman who does her own work will appreciate the advantages. I am not agriculturist enough to know why hay is made in June and many gar-

den vegetables come forward earlier than in our middle states, while wheat ripens a month or six weeks later; but such is the fact, and the variety of early growths is quite surprising. As I eat but one vege-table—potatoes—I was the object of much sympathy to my country cousins in Bed-fordshire and of real disappointment to the hospitable women who had served up magnificent dishes of peas in honor of their American cousin, and decorated the table with cool watercresses, celery, radthe like. I often had to smile at.
The woman would say that if ishes and the like. I often had to sm It could wait she would get up "an omelette or some other dainty," while the man would promptly offer to "send out for some cold Scotch to bring an appetite." It was taken for granted that I was out of health, and his first thought was of whisky -beer to follow as a good second. Beer is slways in order in England.

I have mentioned but a few of the advantages the climate gives the British lavantages the climate gives the British h-borer; those due to the age of the country are equally great. The cottager pays no taxes directly. His little household be-longings are not assessed, and there is no road tax or capitation tax of any sort, and since the duty on tea was abolished he need pay no other taxes unless he uses ligner and tobacco. He does that lowliquor and tobacco. He does that, how-ever, and of liquor a great deal. After a careful examination of price lists and buy-ing \$100 worth I am satisfied that the av-erage cost of clothing is about one-third

less than in the United States generally. Leather in all forms is quite as high; silk, linen and cotton only 10 to 20 per cent. linen and cotton only 10 to 20 per cent.

Younger Sister-Well, how did you enclicaper and woolens generally but half as joy the ball last night?

The ordinary Sunday and holiday suit of the cottager is of gray or dark blue woolen, and is extremely neat and durable. Head-wear of all kinds is as expensive as in America, and so are ordinary household stensils. Fine furniture is a little dearer; it!-Judy.

prain quite as cheap. Groceries generally are from one-third to one-fourth cheaper, the greatest difference being in sugar, spices and some dried semi-tropical fruits. All green fruits, except apples, cherries, pears and plums, are very much dearer. I General Comfort and Jollity of was greatly tempted by some elegant grapes at New Haven, but learning that they were half-a-crown (sixty cents) a

pound I restrained my appetite. Very fine looking penches were then offered at three WHY LIVING IS SO VERY CHEAP shillings (seventy-two cents) each, but I did not sample them. I was surprised at the lavish abundance and cheapness of an elegant buttonhole bouquet may be had anywhere in London for a

For the ordinary four room cottage and "bit of ground" the British ruralist pays five pounds a year; for a ly room cottage Duple and Miss Scale and a little more ground the rent ranges up to ten pounds. The cottages are of bright colored brick, thatched or tiled and was always charmed with the clean and cool rooms and bedding. All is plain, but all is comfortable, and the sound sleep al-

hours (climate again), and extra time is paid for. Wages vac greatly, increasing toward the north, as in all other countries. In Dorset they have lately been as low as fourteen shiftings a week, and in Lincolnshire as high as twenty-two. In Bedfordshire most men I talked with worked by the day, carning from two shillings to three and a half, according to the season. On one point the testimony is unanimous and emphatic—wages are much ligher and the general comfort much greater than forty years ago. The ratio of panyerism to population has declined most than half, and of petty crimes almost as worth with control and the control and the control and the control and the season. On one point the testimony is unanimous and emphatic—wages are much ligher and the general comfort much greater than forty years ago. The ratio of panyerism to population has declined most than half, and of petty crimes almost as worth with control and the con higher and the general comfort much greater than forty years ago. The ratio of panperism to population has declined more than half, and of petty crimes almost as much, while emigration has not increased.

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The one point in which, as it seems to me, the English and their descendants in America excel all other peoples, ancient and modern, is their capacity for organization. Thousand Mrs. Bitta Taylor Miss. Manual Thousan Mrs. Bitta Town alliss. Manual Thousan Mrs. Bitta tion. The old Romans most resembled them, but at their best the Hamans were no such organizers as the English. It shows in government, business, society and religion alike; they can trust each other, and hence no divided or doubting people can stand against them. Probably no other equal population in the world has so many and such varied guilds—certainly none with so many odd names which bear no sort of relation to their nature. The Ancientand Honorable Guild of Fishmongers, for instance, would be taken by an American for a corporation dealing in fish; but no such thing. Its only business, as far as I can learn, is to meet on regular occasions for a big dinner, have a few set speeches, toast the queen and all branches of the service and harrah for "Old England." And so with a hundred other sorts of "mongers," "masters" and "iellows."

The humor of the British ruralist is of a peculiar sort, and he is totally oblivious of the fun an American sees in him. Said one to another in my hearing: "Your missus (wife) do keep a molghty

even temper, allowin' for all she ha' to put up with."

"Aye," said the other, smiling and wag-

ging his head at the compliment; "aye, she do. I be moighty rough wi her sometimes, and cawn't say as I hain't banged her about a bit when I had a drep too much, but she are be a smilin' in the

And after this exchange of neighborly courtesies they had another pot of heer. The old country graveyards abound in old figures and quaint inscriptions, over which one scarcely knows whether to smile or sigh. In Hedfordshire, near Leighton, I found these lines on a tombstone

Cease weeping, parents, 'twas my Maler's will-Trus I should fall by lightning in the field. At God's command it struck, and then I fell; I had not time to hid my friends farewell My father ran, though he could essuredy stand, When he saw me key burning on the land. Then, wig, his hands, he put the fire out, Saying, "Ocar Lord, my somis dead, I doubt."

I looked for the "credit" to The Phila-

delphia Ledger, but did not see any.

Near Ampthill, in that shire, is an estate of the Duke of Bodford, and in the park (which the traveler can see, if he knows how to approach the guardian) is a Gothle s to mark the site of the house where Katharine of Arragon lived while her di-vorce from Henry VIII was pending. On the cross are these lines:

In days of old here Ampthill's towers were seen, The mourful refuge of an injured queers,
The recurriful refuge of an injured queers,
Here flowed per pure and unavailing tears,
Here binded axial subtained her shaking years,
Yet freedom bence her radiant hanner waved,
And love avenged a realm by priests endaved;
From Katharine's wrongs a nation's biles was
moved.

And Luther's light from Henry's lawless bed. Now that is what I call next. The author was determined not to commit himself; kitchen yet be exonerates Kutherine, mildly condemns her religion, blames Henry and points out the evolution of good from evil, without raising any of the burning issues, and all this in lines which are quite to the proof of th

poetic and almost sublime. J. H. BEADLE.

The Tricky Hindos.

Another ingenious device of the mild Hindoo is to drill a hole in the thickness of Liber F II. a rupee, and then, with infinite labor and skill, to scrape the silver from the inside, leaving only a sort of shell without damaging the impression or the ring. Lead is then poured gently in, mixed with some alloy which gives the requisite ring, and the hole is carefully closed. Only a very keen and experienced eye can detect the imposture. The allver which is thus abstracted will be worth less than a shilling, and the manipulator has still his rupee to spend. But the operation may occupy him the greater portion of a week, during which time he might have earned two rupees by honest work .- Chambers' Jour-

A half century ago there were only 3,000 Jews in all Palestine, and there were only thirty-two Jewish families in Jerusalem. Now about 40,000 of the 50,000 people in Jerusalem are Jews.



Elder Sister-Oh, pretty well; but I was afraid that every minute that odious Capt. Cropper was going to propose to me. My heart was in my mouth all the time.
Younger Sister (who didn't get invited)

No doubt there was plenty of room for its long.

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The hours of labor are, except in very pressing seasons, a little less than on American farms, but I incline to the opinion that as much is done in the shorter hours (climate again), and extra time is paid for. Wages vast greatly, increasing toward the north, as in all other countries. In Dorset they have lately been as low as fourteen shillings a week, and in Lincolnchire as high as twenty-two. In

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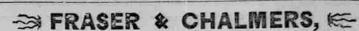
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